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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2449

Introduced by Assembly Member Furutani

February 19, 2010

An act relating to community colleges.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2449, as amended, Furutani. California community colleges: ~~financing; incentives;~~ *course completion rates; financial incentives.*

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in the state. Existing law establishes community college districts, administered by a governing board, throughout the state, and authorizes these districts to provide instruction to students at the community college campuses maintained by the districts.

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to establish a framework of financial incentives to reward community colleges for improving course completion rates by community college students.

This bill would require the chancellor's office to produce a report detailing course completion rates at the colleges for the period of January 1, 1990, to December 31, 2010, inclusive, and would require the report to be submitted to the Legislature no later than July 1, 2011.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. This act shall be known, and may be cited, as the
2 Community College Student Success Act.

3 SEC. 2. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation
4 to establish a framework of financial incentives to reward
5 California community college districts for improving course
6 completion rates by community college students.

7 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that the framework
8 described in subdivision (a) should do all of the following:

9 (1) Provide financial incentives for colleges to take a more
10 holistic and programmatic approach to help students move along
11 academic pathways toward completing coursework.

12 (2) Phase in incentives over a period of time that is determined
13 to be appropriate, allowing at least two years for studying the
14 effects of the financial incentives.

15 (3) Reward community colleges for increasing course
16 completion rates, but not compare colleges to each other, due to
17 the variety of reasons for having different course completion rates.

18 (4) Include consideration of hard-to-serve students.

19 (5) Protect access to the community colleges for
20 underrepresented students by increasing overall student success.

21 SEC. 3. (a) *The Office of the Chancellor of the California*
22 *Community Colleges shall produce a report detailing course*
23 *completion rates at the California Community Colleges for the*
24 *period of January 1, 1990, to December 31, 2010, inclusive. The*
25 *report shall be submitted to the Legislature no later than July 1,*
26 *2011.*

27 (b) (1) *The requirement for submitting a report imposed under*
28 *subdivision (a) is inoperative on January 1, 2015, pursuant to*
29 *Section 10231.5 of the Government Code.*

30 (2) *A report to be submitted pursuant to subdivision (a) shall*
31 *be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government*
32 *Code.*